

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

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IMPORTANT POSITIONS GAINED BY THE ALLIES

Are Well Satisfied With the Results of their Twelve Days' Offensive

BATTLES RAGING FIERCELY BETWEEN TEUTONS AND RUSSIANS FROM THE DVINSK FRONT TO BUKOWINA

(Associated Press)

London, July 12.—General satisfaction is felt here at the British success during the twelve days' fighting on the Somme front, although the extent of the ground gained isn't great. It is believed the new positions of the allies will make greater successes possible. The capture of Contal Maison, Nametz and the Trones woods gives the British a line almost due east and west, from which they can attack the German flank. South of the river the French are in position to attack the German flank south of Belloy and Estrees.

The Germans are renewing their Verdun attacks, but were twice repulsed near Dead Man's hill last night, says the French war office.

BATTLES IN BUKOWINA

The Russians, who have engaged in heavy battles in the northwestern corner of Bukovina and along the Stokhod, have inflicted further defeats on Pfanger's army in Bukovina. The Teutons are resisting furiously along the Stokhod.

BRITISH PORT BOMBARDED

London, July 12.—A German submarine bombarded the British port of Seaham harbor. About thirty rounds of shrapnel were fired. One woman was killed and one house struck.

TEUTON CENTER ATTACKS

London officially announces that the Germans, heavily reinforced, attacked the Somme front last night gaining ground at Mametz and Trones Wood. Berlin announces that two German aeroplanes Monday night bombarded port and army encampment at Calais. Paris newspaper dispatches say the Austrians apparently have evacuated Tolmino, on the Isonzo front and that the resistance is lessening. Turks claim to have repulsed all Russian counter attacks in the Caucasus and to have forced the small body of British in Mesopotamia to flee.

GREAT CLAIM OF THE GERMANS
The Germans claim to have taken 2,145 prisoners on the Verdun front yesterday.

BURIAL OF BOYD

Captain of U. S. Cavalry, Killed by Mexicans at Carrizal

(Associated Press)

Washington, July 12.—With full military honors the body of Capt. C. T. Boyd, Tenth cavalry, who was killed at the head of his command in the Carrizal fight, was buried yesterday at Arlington National Cemetery, Secretary of War Baker, Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and other high officers and officials of the war department, attending the funeral.

President Wilson sent a wreath from the White House green houses. Congress was represented by a committee of members who are Union and Confederate veterans. None of the bodies of the negro troopers killed in the engagement were buried here, and the war department had no information how long they will be held in El Paso for identification.

PROMISE TO DIVIDE ALL THE PORK
Congress Will Probably Adjourn About September First

(Associated Press)

Washington, July 12.—Republicans and democrats have agreed to the Senate program promising adjournment about September 1st. The republicans won't filibuster against the shipping and revenue bills.

Pure drugs, prompt service and no substitution in our PRESCRIPTION department. Tell your physician to leave yours with us. The Court Pharmacy.

SUBMARINE IS A MERCHANT SHIP

German Owners Confident that United States Will Not Interfere with their Vessel

(Associated Press)

Baltimore, July 12.—The agents of the submarine Deutschland went ahead with their plans today to dispose of the cargo and for the return voyage. They feel sure the state department will sustain treasury and navy officials in their findings that the Deutschland is a merchant ship.

HIGH SCHOOL AHEAD

The result of the voting in the library contest during the past week is given below. Where does your favorite organization stand? It is at or near the head of the list, or one of the tail-enders? If a tail-end, it behooves you to get busy and boost and keep on boosting until the close of this contest, July 22nd.

There is no reason for any organization now in the list not winning if all its members get busy and do just a little hustling. This can be done by trading with the merchants and business firms who give library votes. The merchants who give these valuable coupons with all purchases of ten cents or over will all be glad to give you votes.

The majority of the people of Ocala are clipping the ten vote coupon from the Star. Are you? If not, you had better start doing so at once as there are several in the race for this magnificent library of one hundred and two volumes and four sections of book cases. Now is the time to help your favorite organization and you can do so easily.

You must bear in mind that this popular contest is drawing near a close and you must get the good work in now if you want to see your favorite organization win and be the proud possessor of this fine collection of books. The votes are collected every week.

The standing of the contestants, as announced after the count this week by the judges, is as follows:
Ocala High School 288,642
Ocala Public Library 285,517
B. P. O. Elks 284,538
McIntosh Public School 65,002
Fessenden Academy 10,549
Anthony Public School 29,348
Reddick Public School 17,948
Citra Public School 16,723
Bellevue Public School 12,435
Ocala Presbyterian church 7,920
Ocala Woman's Club 11,852
Ocala Masonic Lodge 11,940
Ocala Methodist church 13,141
Ocala Commercial Club 16,357
Ocala Lodge K. of P. 16,660
Oklawaha Public School 6,620
Sparr Public School 4,589
Ocala Christian Church 2,975

WOODMEN TO HAVE INTERESTING MEETING

Fort King Camp No. 14, W. O. W., will have an interesting meeting on Friday evening when a class of candidates will be instructed in the mysteries of Woodcraft by the Fort King degree team.

The degree team is rounding into fine form and should receive the undivided support of the members of the camp, so let each member make appointment to be on hand Friday night and bring a fellow chopper.

The Evening Star may always be found on sale at Gerig's News Store.

SITUATION IS YET SERIOUS

Many Flood Sufferers are in Extremity in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi

(Associated Press)

Atlanta, July 12.—Although the flood conditions in most of the Southern districts in the path of the tropical hurricanes appear to have improved the situation in Central Alabama is still serious. The Alabama river continues to rise. Many lives are endangered at Portland and Kingsend. Relief workers are doing their utmost. A government tug left Selma this morning for Portland with provisions and supplies for three hundred persons reported marooned on the tops of small hills. Many are reported in danger of drowning at King's Bend by party which escaped. Boats were sent to that point. Opposite Montgomery the Alabama river is seven miles wide. The crest of the flood is expected to pass there today and the danger of further damage to crops and property in Georgia is believed to be past. Rivers are falling, but there is some uneasiness caused by the weather bureau's report that another disturbance has been observed in the extreme eastern Caribbean sea. No indication of the direction of the storm is traveling or its force has been given out.

AMERICAN STEAMER STRUCK A MINE

Gold Shell was Partly Wrecked off the Coast of France

(Associated Press)

Paris, July 12.—The American steamer Gold Shell struck a mine Monday night off Cordouan Island near the mouth of the Gironde. The forward part of the vessel was badly wrecked. The steamer managed to get into the mouth of the Gironde. The cargo is being lightered.

MRS. FRED NIBLO

One of America's Most Noted Actresses is Dead

New York, July 12.—Mrs. Fred Niblo, formerly Miss Josephine Cohan and a sister of George M. Cohan, died of heart disease here today. She was forty years of age and had been on the stage since her seventh birthday. She starred in a number of Broadway successes.

ROUGH TRIP FOR THE ROOKIEES

Militia from Connecticut Went Hungry on Way to Mexico

New Haven, Conn., July 12.—"A whole trainload of starving soldiers," is the way a Connecticut militiaman begins a letter to one of the local papers written en route with the Connecticut militiamen to Nogales. He asserts that the government not only did not provide food en route but that they would not even give the boys a chance to buy "eats" for themselves. "I haven't had a square meal since I left New Haven," he writes. An army officer in discussing the matter said that it was entirely up to the regimental commanders to furnish food en route. They took the word of the railroad officials that it would take only five days to make the journey, he said, and the shortage of food was the result.

Try Bouquet Dozira perfume, \$2 per ounce, at Gerig's.

MANNER IN WHICH AMERICANS ARE TREATED IN MEXICO

STORIES OF INSULT TO OUR FLAG AND FRIGHTFUL SUFFERINGS OF OUR CITIZENS TOLD BY REFUGEES OF THE SUMNER

(Jacksonville Metropolis, 11th)

Stories told by refugees from Mexico, who passed through this city last night and today from Tampa en route to their homes in various sections of the United States, heap hot coals of fire on the representatives of this government in that war stricken country. They declare that hundreds of law abiding American citizens lie sweltering in Mexican prisons while the United States representatives play golf at the country club in Mexico City and make no effort to secure their release.

ROGERS WAS PLAYING GOLF

Stories of untold brutality, starvation and confiscation of supplies by the Mexican government, and the circulation of hand bills, stating that the white people of the United States are cowards and will not fight are told and certified by former American residents of that country. B. J. McDonald, of Mexico City, one of the refugees to arrive in the city this morning, declares he called at Belem, the principal jail in Mexico City, to bid farewell to his friend, C. F. Huston, who had been sentenced to prison on a slight pretext, and that the sight which met his eyes was revolting. Prison vermin had eaten the hands and face of Huston until he was almost unrecognizable and the poor fellow declared he had not bathed for twenty-two days. "It was then that I went to Mr. Rogers, the American representative, to make an effort to have my friend released, but was informed that Mr. Rogers was at the country club playing golf and would not return until evening," declared Mr. McDonald.

The scarcity of provisions even among the American residents of Mexico as described by Mr. McDonald, showed that no effort was being made by the United States representatives to succor their people. "For fifteen days prior to our receiving notice to vacate the country, neither myself, my wife nor child had a bite of meat to eat, and very little bread. We subsisted on canned meats procured from the English stores in Mexico City, and paid an enormous price for them. Those wealthy Mexican and Spanish residents of the city who could buy bread, would send their servants to the bakeries in the afternoon, where they would sleep through the night in order to be among the first in the bread line in the morning," he continued.

AMERICANS COWARDS

According to several of the refugees, who are registered at the Hotel Mason, immediately following the murder of the American soldiers at Carrizal, the Carranza government caused to be published and circulated hand bills and newspaper articles declaring that the white people in the United States were cowards and sent their negro soldiers to fight for them. It was also stated that before Carranza's mushy note was sent to President Wilson, a supposed copy of his note was printed in the Mexican papers, which declared that President Wilson was everything that is not clean and that Mexico could whip the United States in 24 hours. A copy of these papers were brought to the United States by several of the refugees and will be printed and sent through the press of the country.

Mr. McDonald said he read of President Wilson's speech last year in

which he said anyone having ideas against his Mexican policy was wrong. "If President Wilson waits to hear from his rotten representatives in that country to tell him of actual conditions he will never know of them. But these things have been told before, and there is no reason why he doesn't know the full facts of the case," declared Mr. McDonald.

Over three hundred and fifty American refugees from Vera Cruz, Mexico, represents the number which have passed through Jacksonville on their way to points in the east, west and north. Nearly as many left Tampa yesterday on the transport for the northern points, via New Orleans.

According to R. E. Camp, traveling passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line railway, who was one of several railway representatives soliciting business from the refugees, the business was divided equally between the various railways represented here, and that it was through the efforts of the men on the ground that the large number was diverted in this direction.

INTERVENTION THE SOLUTION

Mr. Camp states that he had interviewed a large number of the Americans on the status of affairs in Mexico, and especially upon the feeling of the Americans in regard to the policies of the United States in handling the Mexican trouble. In nearly every instance, Mr. Camp states that the Americans in Mexico believe United States intervention is the only solution of the problem and that American lives will never be safe in Mexico until such a thing is accomplished. The Americans state that they are regarded in Mexico as a negro is held in the South and in many instances pushed off the sidewalks while passing down the streets. Insults are frequent and when such insult is resented the American is placed in a dungeon for a period of 48 hours as punishment.

AMERICANS MURDERED BY THE HUNDRED

The remark was also made to Mr. Camp by one of the refugees that according to his diary three hundred and seventy-seven Americans lives have paid the toll thus far and that one life a day, as in the past, will continue to be forfeited until definite action is taken by the United States to correct the conditions. He stated that the conditions in every city were horrible and never in the history of a country were the subjects of another forced to accept such treatment without immediate reparation.

EDWARD O. RIGHTOR ELECTED MAIN ELK

Best People On Earth Will Meet Next Year in Boston

(Associated Press)

Baltimore, July 12.—Edward O. Rightor of New Orleans, yesterday was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks over Lloyd Maxwell of Marshalltown, Ia., at the annual convention of the order in session here. The contest was declared by delegates to have been the hottest in the history of the organization. Boston was selected for next year's convention.

Fine china at THE BOOK SHOP.

BIG ARMY NEEDED ON THE BORDER

Recruiting Service for National Guard Regiments

ARREDONDO ANNOUNCES HE HAS RECEIVED MORE INSTRUCTIONS BATTLE REPORTED AT BLANCO

(Associated Press)

Washington, July 12.—The organization of the national guard recruiting service has been authorized to bring the regiments on border duty to their war strength of about 160,000.

ARREDONDO'S INSTRUCTIONS

Ambassador Arredondo talked with Acting Secretary Polk this afternoon regarding negotiations between the United States and Mexico. The ambassador had previously received a message from Mexico City which was said to contain instructions and the form under which negotiations would be undertaken. The selection of commissioners is said to have been discussed.

BATTLE AT CERRO BLANCO

Chihuahua City, July 12.—Heavy fighting between the de facto troops and Villa bandits is in progress at Cerro Blanco, near Parral, according to dispatches to Gen. Trevino.

WORST HEAT WAVE

OF THE SEASON CONTINUES THE SLAUGHTER OF NEW YORK CITY INNOCENTS

(Associated Press)

New York, July 12.—There were seventeen deaths of infantile paralysis in Greater New York during the twenty-four hours ending at ten o'clock this morning. One hundred and sixty-two new cases were reported. The worst heat wave of the season is prevailing.

THE GERM DISCOVERED

Health officers this afternoon said a New York physician has discovered infantile paralysis germs.

"FEED FLORIDA FEED FIRST"

Louis R. Chazal & Sons Co. is increasing the scope of its farm products department. The company, which recently adopted as its slogan "Feed Florida Feed First," is now manufacturing 4-F Brand feeds, using, as far as possible, the products of the county. In addition to the feeds of its own manufacture, the company is handling other famous feeds. The firm is making every effort to find an outlet for the staples grown in Marion county, and one by one the obstacles in the way of succeeding in this venture are being removed.

Preparations are being made by the Chazal company to again handle a large portion of the corn crop of this section of the state, and as last year the corn will be bought from the farmers at the prevailing market prices and standard weights. Good, baled hay, peanuts, peas and beans will be bought. The standardization of all of the crops is sought by the concern.

The company suggests to the farmers the advisability of getting Florida corn on the market before the grain of other states comes in. Attention is also called to the necessity of putting hay into heavy bales, in order that more hay might be loaded in cars, and advantage taken of freight rates on car lots.

The condition of the city streets continues bad, and will become worse as a result of the almost daily rains. Councilman McIver, of the street committee, says that all the repair work possible will be done, but that his department will have very little money with which to work until October.

Mr. C. N. Kirkland and a friend will be treated to coca-cola in bottles if they will show notice at the Seaboard restaurant. The Ocala Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

PROCESS OF MAKING PEAT PRODUCTS

Will Be in Full Blast at the Company's Plant Near Ocala by the First of October

The operations spoken of recently as having started at the plant of the Florida Peat Products company, it is now learned, were limited to the getting out of a small amount of muck for test purposes. A representative of the Star visited the location of the county's newest industry at Meadows, near Citra, yesterday afternoon and found that the plant would be put in full operation, turning out a finished product, about October 1.

The new plant building at Meadows resembled a phosphate mining plant, but is more elaborate. The main units of the peat plant, in their order of operation, are: a large dredge boat, transfer barges, a wet bin with elevator, three inclines leading to the drying grounds and drying plant, a drying plant, and warehouse.

As Captain Alfred, general manager, explained to the Star's representative, the peat is taken out of the deposit by means of a bucket elevator on the dredge boat, and is put through a macerator. It is then loaded on transfer barges and taken to the wet bin, the first unit of the plant proper. The barges are run into a slip and the wet peat is discharged into the bin by means of an elevator. From this bin the peat is taken in small dump cars to one of two inclines leading to the drying grounds, where the peat is allowed to remain for an indefinite period in order that the sun might draw out a part of the moisture.

The incline to the drying plant is located between those leading to the drying grounds. A large locomotive crane will pick up the partially dried peat from the drying grounds and load it on dump carts to be sent up to the drying plant. There it first goes into a hopper, from which automatic feeders carry it into the oil-burning dryers. Out of the dryers the peat goes into a dust chamber, passing thence through a screen and on into the warehouse. Coarse material that fails to go through the screen in the first place is passed through a disintegrator and is then re-screened.

The finished product of the plant will have the consistency of corn meal according to Captain Alfred. It will be loaded on freight cars by means of blowers. This product is used mainly as a filler for fertilizers. The fibrous material screened out of the peat becomes a by-product, and is used, among other purposes, as a roughage for stock, and as a packing to take the place of excelsior.

The plant is on the main line of the Seaboard, and is but a short distance east of the hard-surfaced road to Citra. The Florida Peat Products company is capitalized at \$100,000, and the plant is building at a cost of \$75,000.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETS TONIGHT

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the Marion County Board of Trade meets in regular session. All members are urged to be present.

NOTICE

A full attendance of both private and official members of the Methodist church is desired at the church this evening at 7:45 o'clock at prayer meeting and church conference. All come that possibly can. Important business on hand.

J. M. Gross.

OCALA STAR VOTING COUPON

5 THIS COUPON IS GOOD FOR FIVE VOTES IN LIBRARY CONTEST— 5 VOTED FOR

Cut out, fill in name of church, lodge, school or other organization you wish to vote for, and deposit in ballot box at THE COURT PHARMACY.

The official judges of the contest are Messrs. George Pasteur, Herbert Latner and Ed. C. Bennett.